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THE MAIL Badgers out-defense Plowboys for third straight victory



By Carl Dingler

Ran across this article printed by the Azle News-Advertiser recently concerning shop at home. Figured it fits pretty well in the scheme of things here in Merkel, what with this being the time of year your local merchants are called upon almost daily to support somebody's pet project.

Although it was written for Azle, it applies to Merkel just as well.

When you try to build a community, dedication, pride and loyalty are just three of the vital factors.

In the area of loyalty, "shop at home" is more than just a chamber of commerce slogan. If a community is to thrive and prosper, then loyalty to the local business community is an absolute must.

We are always disturbed at suggestions at local meetings that goods, which are available from local merchants, be purchased out of town.

Whether it be the city council, school board or hospital board, and whether it be a garden hoe or a complete concrete slab floor, we see no justification for a taxing agency to purchase out of town.

Of course there are some items and services which cannot be obtained locally, but the vast majority of items are here at competitive prices.

Simply stated, nobody cares a hoot about Azle (or Merkel) except people in Azle (or Merkel). They pay the taxes, they attend the schools and churches, they use the hospitals, police and fire departments.

And it's a 2-way street--the merchant must offer a variety of goods and services at competitive prices, and we must buy here in order for him to keep providing products and services desired locally.

And the more goods the merchant stocks, the more taxes he pays to local governmental units. The cycle is a fact of life and one that helps keep our economy strong.

And while private citizens have an absolute right to purchase items where they choose, there's still good and logical reasons to support local business firms.

The following was posed to columnist Ann Landers by a man who obviously was a small merchant.

"...who do you ask to cash your checks? Who do you ask for credit when things are tight? Who do you ask to take ads for your organizations, yearbooks and programs? Who do you ask for contributions to your church, rallies, etc? Who do you call after hours when you need a special item? Who do you ask to put up your poster for special events?"

"It's your local, home-town businessman. After all, he's your friend and your neighbor..."

The list could go on and on, but without local merchants many of the things we enjoy and take for granted would be more difficult. Local firms sponsor little league, girls softball, support the scouts, hire the students and on and on and on...

Coach Jerry McLeod was somewhat upset Thursday. Not over the Ninth grade football loss to Stamford he was watching, necessarily, but over the fact that there is no doctor available to treat his athletes on emergencies.

McLeod ran into the situation Wednesday when an athlete injured a hand during practice--which is usually pretty late in the day and certainly after regular office hours of some doctors.

McLeod claims he attempted to get a doctor to treat the youngster but was told no, because it was after hours. He had to take the athlete to Abilene and the emergency room at Hendrick's Memorial Hospital to be treated.

Guess, under these modern times a doctor has a right to refuse to treat the sick and injured if it is not convenient or after hours (guess we should quit covering news events because they don't conform to our schedule).

However, the situation certainly doesn't do the doctor's professional image any good and doesn't help the image of Merkel any.

Understand, according to McLeod that there is no doctor available at the football games either. "What we need is some young doctor or doctors to come to Merkel and set up practice," McLeod said.

He said when he was at Brady there were two young doctors practicing and they were community minded as well as sports minded. "They would attend every game and would be available to treat any injuries when they happened," he said.

McLeod also pointed out that the schools couldn't get physicals scheduled for the Junior High athletes and had to settle for a written release from the parents, in order to let the youngsters participate.

This is not saying the present doctors in Merkel aren't doing a good job. It is merely pointing out a need. Merkel has a need, and one that needs to be fulfilled before it becomes even more critical. This is another area local citizens such as the Chamber of Commerce and City Council, need to explore.

It is a crucial situation that has confronted many small communities in recent times--getting a doctor to care for the needs of a community.

Therefore, now is the time to begin a search--if such is deemed necessary.

It was a sweet victory, indeed. Merkel High School's Badgers gave as well as they received Friday night in defeating Roscoe's Plowboys, 13-6, to capture their third straight victory of the season.

The teams were evenly matched, both offensively and defensively but it took the Badgers to create their own luck with a more determined defense over the larger Plowboys to pull off the victory.

The win bettered last season's win-loss record and made up for a loss against staunch rival Roscoe last year.

Roscoe, coming into the contest undefeated, proved its top District 8-A rating and presented the Badgers with their sternest test of the year.

Needless to say the Badgers met the test--and passed with flying colors.

The game was a bruising battle and nearly got out of hand a time or two as both sides became frustrated when their every offensive move was stymied. Two Plowboys were ejected from the combat and Market was fined for piling on, calming tempers somewhat.

In fact, the contest could almost be called a Donnie Hope vs. Mark Shaw contest. Hope, who looked much larger than his listed 195 pounds, was all over the field making tackles for Roscoe. His quickness often got him in the Merkel backfield the same time as the football was snapped. It was almost more than Coach Jerry McLeod and the Badgers could stand as they saw their offense stymied.

Quarterback David Pfister made an adjustment in the fourth quarter, however, moving out quicker and, allowing for Hope's speed, to maneuver around him. Merkel managed to pick up good yardage through the hole vacated by Hope at this time.

Meanwhile, 145-pound Shaw was playing his third outstanding game on defense and was proving just as pesky to Quarterback Mark Box and the Roscoe backfield. The Roscoe linemen attempted to take out their frustration on Shaw a time or two, but to no avail.

The game was a close one all the way, thanks to the two defenses and to costly miscues and fumbles. Merkel held Roscoe to 7 yards on five plays the first quarter as the Plowboys fumbled the first two times they had possession.

The situation reversed the second quarter with Merkel ending with a yard loss on 6 offensive plays. Still, Merkel led 7-6 at intermission.

Merkel managed but 7 yards on six plays the third period before coming to life the final period to put the game away.

It was some good punt coverage and hard running by Keith Austerman and Larry Smith that proved superior in the long haul.

Merkel finished with 68 yards on 41 carries with Smith running for 21 yards on 16 trips and a 1-yard touchdown



HAPPY BIRTHDAY--S. C. Keith of 904 Rose celebrates his 86th birthday Thursday surrounded by his wife and great-granddaughter Tracy Lee (left) must wait until June 4 for their next celebration. They were born on September 23 but in 1968, making her 8 years old Thursday.

	Merkel	Roscoe
First Downs	8	12
Rushing	41-68	49-162
Passing	14	95
Passes completed	1-5	7-18
Intercepted by	3	0
Punts, Avg.	7-36.7	5-36.2
Penalties, Yards	3-15	6-45
Fumbles Lost	3	4

	Merkel	Roscoe
Score by quarters	7 0 0 6-13	0 6 0 0-6
M-David Pfister, 2 run, 3-45		
M-Larry Smith, 1 run, 4-47		

run at 4:47 of the final quarter. Brad Pursley who replaced Ricky Howes, put with a hand injury, carried seven times for 20 yards. Austerman had 12 yards on four carries and Pfister finished with 15 yards on 14 carries although he had a 22-yard scamper the first quarter which helped put the Badgers in front to stay.

Pfister also completed one of 5 passes to Smith for 14 yards. And, it was Pfister who scored the initial touchdown of the game at 4:55 of the first quarter on a 2-yard run. Smith kicked the extra point to give him 32 points for the year and the scoring



SHORT YARDAGE--Keith Austerman bursts for short yardage against Roscoe Friday night at Badger Stadium. While blocking for Merkel High is going on to the left, Austerman and another Merkel griddler head past Roscoe's No. 29, Stever Freeman as No. 24, David Drake prepares for the tackle. Austerman got two yards on the play.

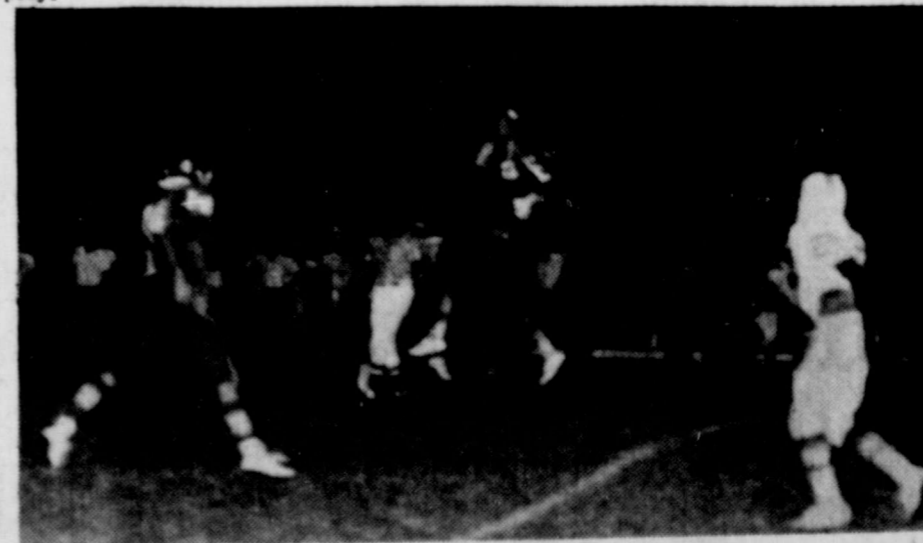
PTO meets

The PTO will have a meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the High School auditorium.

An interesting program is planned.

The officers for the current year are President Dale Hammond, 1st Vice-President to be elected, 2nd Vice-President Betty Cypert, Secretary to be elected and Treasurer Billie Wilkerson. Committee chairmen are Barbara Fowler, Ways and Means; Jill Boyd, Publicity; Jo Ann Whisenand, Membership; Jeannette Pursley, Projects and Linda Irvin, Nominating.

Plans will be made for the Halloween Carnival which will be on Friday, October 29.



INTERCEPTION--Larry Smith of Merkel High leaps high to intercept a Roscoe pass Friday night and end another Plowboy threat. Coming over to lend a hand is No. 14, Brad Pursley.

lead in the season's District 6-AA race.

Craig Hutchings recovered two fumbles as did Shaw and it was Hutchings who intercepted one of Box's passes as did Pursley and Smith. Roscoe had 162 yards running on 49 carries with David Drake getting 90 yards on 19 carries before he was ejected from the game due to a few words with an official.

Roscoe had 95 yards more passing on 7 of 18 attempts. Box gained 34 yards, Thurman Williams 20, Steve Freeman and Gilbert Anzaldua nine each. In fact, Merkel did a great job containing Anzaldua on the sweeps, preventing the speedster from getting in the secondary where he is at his best.

Hope caused and recovered two Merkel fumbles and Joel Kerby recovered a Badger fumble.

Glenn Braune, Roger Doan and John Biera also were outstanding on defense for Merkel.

For the third week Merkel won the toss and chose to receive getting the east end of the football field.

After three downs Smith punted 22 yards (his worst of the year) and Roscoe was at its 35. On the first play, Freeman was knocked loose from the ball with Hutchings recovering.

From the Roscoe 39, Smith ran for three, Pfister then ran the option to perfection around the left side for 22 yards to the Roscoe 14.

Smith got two and Pursley three over right tackle and Pursley gained a first down with a 6-yard run across left tackle to the Roscoe 3.

Austerman then managed a yard and it was Pfister's turn.

The Senior quarterback, gaining more confidence with each game, faked to Smith going across the right tackle and kept the football around the right side of the line for the touchdown.

Roscoe set up at its 22 following the kickoff and again it was Hutchings recovering the football after Freeman fumbled. However, this time the Plowboys defense held and Smith kicked into the endzone.

Roscoe then called three plays before punting and the Badgers moved from the Roscoe 34 to the Roscoe 28 in eight plays where on the first play of the second quarter Smith attempted a 35-yard field goal which fell short.

Both teams exchanged punts with Roscoe getting the ball at its 5 after Smith got off a 40-yard punt.

On fourth down from the 12, Ros-

coe's Hope punted 39 yards to the Merkel 49. Instead of letting the ball roll dead and taking possession, the Badger safety men elected to chase the football as the packed stands went wild with fear over the move.

A Badger attempting to scoop up the ball kicked it and it was Guy Lucas falling on the football for Roscoe at the Merkel 35--a bleak scene indeed.

Until this point the Badgers had not let Roscoe past its on 35.

Well it took but 10 plays for the Plowboys to score with Drake going the final 8 yards. Pursley came charging through to block the extra point kick attempt and preserve the Badger lead, 7-6.

Things got more gloomy for the Badgers when on the first offensive play after the kickoff, Hope charged through to knock Pfister loose from the ball and recovered the fumble at the Merkel 30.

Eight plays later the Plowboys were at the Badger 7 and moving. John Biera and Shaw combined with Smith to knock Drake free from the football after a 3-yard gain and Shaw recovered for Merkel.

Merkel almost lost the football at the 4 on the next play but hung on and after a four yard gain by Pfister the second quarter ended.

Roscoe continued its momentum at the start of the third period, taking the kickoff and advancing from its 39 to the Merkel 1 in 10 plays. After Drake had got the Plowboys to the one on a 13-yard scamper, Box attempted to pass for the go-ahead points.

Pursley intercepted in the endzone to save the touchdown.

Merkel couldn't advance and punted from its 28 and Roscoe then moved from the Roscoe 37 to the Merkel 36 where another Box pass on fourth down was intercepted by Hutchings at the 16 of Merkel.

Merkel lost the ball on the next play to Kerby but Roscoe was forced to punt and the Badgers ran two plays before the quarter ended.

Both teams settled down to exchange punts, not being able to gain an advantage.

The Badgers took command at their 36 and got two first downs moving to the Roscoe 40 before Smith was forced to punt.

The football was downed on the Roscoe one.

On the next play Shaw jammed up the middle as Box attempted to quick pass. Box was knocked loose from the ball. Shaw recovered and it was Smith over right tackle for the touchdown. The kick for extra points failed.

This time Roscoe got to the mid-field line where Smith intercepted another Box pass and Merkel got its final offensive opportunity with 2:45 to play. It couldn't move the ball, however, and Smith punted to the Roscoe 35.

The game ended with Roscoe at the Merkel 32 and attempting desperately to pass for a touchdown.

The Badgers thus finished its domination of District 8-A teams with three wins, the best in District 6-AA pre-season competition. They go against Class AA foe Eastland Friday in their first road game. Game time is 8 p.m. against Eastland, a team with a 1-2 record.

District action starts October 1 for Merkel with Colorado City, the pre-season favorite, playing in Badger Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

Trent Homecoming Starts Friday

Trent will hold its Homecoming activities Friday and Saturday.

Starting at 7 p.m. Friday the Powder Puff football game is scheduled with a bonfire to get under way at dark.

Saturday morning the activities start at 6:30 a.m. with a breakfast.

The parade gets under way at 10 a.m. followed by a pep rally at 10:45 a.m.

Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and a program for the exes is set to start at 2 p.m. Supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

The activities end with the football game between Trent and Blackwell at 7:30 p.m.

A Coming Home Queen from the exes, a Football Sweetheart and a Football Hero will be named during halftime ceremonies of the football contest.

Tri-City league needs help selling popcorn

Help! Need popcorn sellers. Our popcorn is here and boys and girls who played ball last year and plan to play this coming year are needed to sell popcorn.

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If you can sell before Saturday call 928-4883 or 928-5705 for popcorn or go by 108 Orange or Mrs. Brady's house.

Anyone wanting to buy popcorn call either of the above numbers and place your order. Also several of the businesses in town are selling it for Tri-City.

The popcorn is \$1.25 per box and each box has 4 individual packages in it. Try it, it's really great popcorn with oil and butter included.

Golf association

The Ladies Golf Association held their last meeting of the year Tuesday.

Couples played golf and had dinner. There was a three way tie for first place. Winners were Jo Ann and Dean Smith, Ida and Connie Mack Seymore and Faye and Loyd Robertson.

We had a good turn-out and hope we start next Spring with lots of new and old faces.

A Play Day is being planned in October. Watch for more information later on.



VOWS SAID--Miss Kathy Chancey and Gary Steven Nightingale were united in a June 26 wedding in Arroyo Grande, California. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Chancey, formerly of Merkel. Her sister, Gayle Chancey, was the maid of honor and her father escorted his daughter to the altar. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chancey of Merkel attended the wedding.

Pack to attend meet

Lewis Pack, Manager of the C. I. T. Financial Services office here will attend a regional meeting of managers and supervisors in Dallas, Friday through Sunday.

Pack has been with C. I. T. 10 years with the past 5 years as the Manager of Abilene office. He and his wife Lillian, and their three children live at 813 Yucca in Merkel.

He will join nearly 125 company management personnel from 64 cities in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas attending the 3-day conference conducted by John Jordan, vice-president and Dallas Region Manager.

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Cox reunion

The family of Mrs. Ruth Cox, with other relatives and friends, met at the Senior Citizens Building Sunday September 11, for a most enjoyable day of fellowship.

Rev. Bob Whitlock Methodist Pastor of Trent gave thanks for the meal. There were 3 generations represented.

Those present were Mrs. Ruth Cox, Joyce Ferguson-Merkel, Davey L. Cox-North Hollywood, California, Mr. and Mrs. Nowlin (Corky Cox) and 3 children--Chico, Darel Cox-Cisco Junior College, Mr. and Mrs. Othell O'Kelly and Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Simpson and 2 children, Don Simpson, Mrs. Thelma Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. John Hamner-Trent, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Russell Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sandusky, Mrs. Jerry Don Sandusky and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Mrs. Anna Dunn, Mrs. Rose Davis-Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wheeler and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunt and Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Dewell Burden and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Bonner-Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Inman and Camern-Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hunt and Lee and Jacan-Desota, Mr. and Mrs. Story Bonner-Sweetwater, Mrs. Debbie Jones and Jeff and Mrs. Isla Hayden-Sunny Side.

City sales tax paid

Merkel has received \$4,154.69 for its September city sales tax rebate from the Comptrollers office in Austin.

Trent received \$373.46 and Tye \$2,790.37.

Hensley attends meet

Don Hensley, President of Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, attended the advisory council meeting of the Big Country area of the American Lung Association of Texas held in San Angelo Saturday.

Business conducted by the council concerned the 1976 Christmas Seal campaign and special events fund raising for the area.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Mrs. Diana Ham of Odessa, teacher for the Odessa asthma program who talked on "Breathing Easier with Asthma."

Special guests for the meeting were school personnel involved in the asthma programs in San Angelo and in Odessa.

Ted Hogan of Crane, area chairman, presided at the meeting, and Hensley gave a report on recent action taken by the American Lung Association of Texas board of directors. Hensley, who

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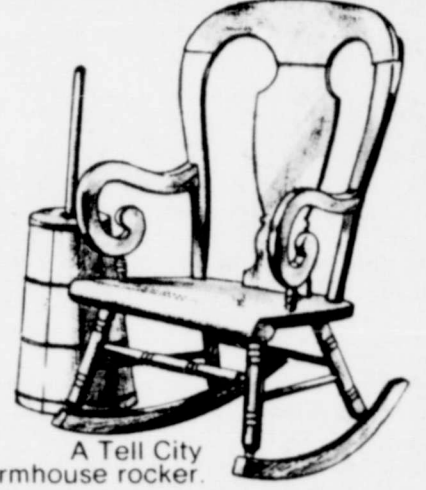
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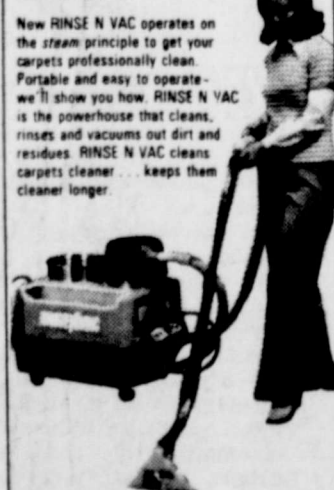
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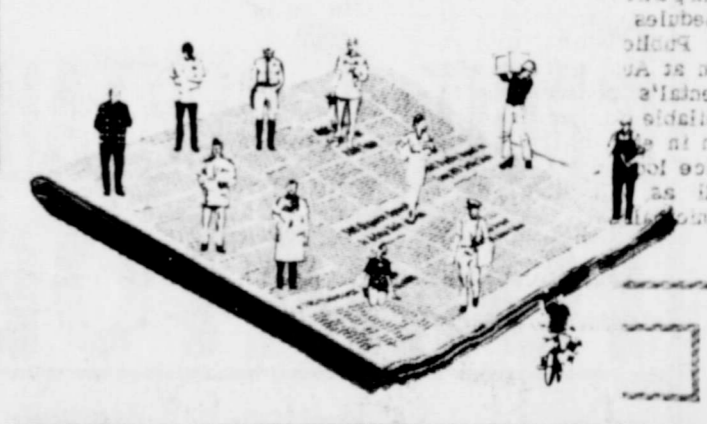
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Vinsons observe 50 years wed

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vinson anniversary with a reception of 801 North 6th recently at their home. observed their 50th wedding anniversary. The Vinsons were married

50 years ago September 11 in Anson.

He is a retired rancher. Children holding the reception in Merkel were Lee Vinson and Wanda Waldon of Merkel, Lloyd Vinson of McCaulley, Don Vinson of Fort Worth and Dink Vinson of Trent.

The Vinsons have 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Former Merkel man visits

Lea Baker has returned to his home in Lewell, Arkansas after a visit here. The Baker family moved to Merkel in 1885. Grandfather of Lea, Rev. A. A. Baker was pastor of the first Presbyterian Church in Merkel which was located on Ash Street.

Jim Baker, Andrew and Lea Baker's father was also a Presbyterian preacher.

Lea married Jetta Jones and moved north of Merkel to a farm. Lea's father was the first man to establish a dairy in Merkel. In early days each family owned their cows and did not buy milk. However James Baker decided to start a milk route. He got up early, milked the cows and delivered the milk before people ate breakfast.

His first customer still owes for the weeks supply of milk.

The Bakers have always been outstanding farmers and ranchers.

The Lea Baker family was elected the farm family of the year near Abilene in 1950.

After moving to Arkansas Lea was President of World of Agriculture Department and served 5 years through the Kansas City office.

His greatest interest has been charolais cattle, how to breed etc. He was cited in 1976 by the National Polled Charolais Journal for an item he wrote, published in May and June issue, which can be found in public libraries. He was the first person in U. S. to be recognized on his ability to estimate domestic animals, as the item reads.

Lea has two sons and one daughter. His daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCowen, who was also a visitor here live with Lea at this time since the death of his wife.



Mr., Mrs. Sam Vinson

Final rites held for Maude Bryan

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Maude Nalley Bryan, 82, a longtime resident of the Trent area who died Monday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Services were at Starbuck Funeral Home and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Maude Hedvig Nalley in Sharon, near Groveton in Trinity County, October 8, 1893, she married Marvin

Garnet Bryan February 5, 1921. At the age of 10, she moved west with her family by covered wagon, arriving in Trent December 24, 1903. Mr. Bryan preceded her in death January 1, 1960.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Marvin (Kathleen Bryan) Rumbaugh of Abilene; a brother, Roy Nalley of Leakey; three sisters, Mrs. C. T. Nanne of Mason, Mrs. Rilla Clement of Abilene and Mrs. Opal Bradley of Abilene; and two grandchildren.

Cemetery fence fund

The Merkel Garden Club is the sponsor of the Cemetery Fence Fund. Mrs. Johnny Cox is the committee woman in charge of the fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund please contact her at 928-5315.

Fortnightly Study Club news

The Fortnightly Study Club met Saturday, at the home of Mrs. Don Hart to open the club year with a Federation Day Coffee.

Vice-President Mrs. Comer Haynes presented yearbooks with programs built around the course of study, "A Second Look at Our Untapped Resources," with special emphasis on the spiritual, our homes, and the fine arts.

President Mrs. Carl Hughes welcomed members back with a challenge to greater service and accomplishment through club membership, goals and activities. "We shall be looking toward the next 200 years with promise and hope," Mrs. Hughes said.

Mrs. Johnny Cox, long an active worker in federated clubs, discussed benefits of federation to member clubs. She emphasized that increased accomplishment, influence, opportunity to be of service, and prestige result from membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest organization of women's work

City Council

Merkel's City Council will hold its regular meeting Friday.

The meeting will begin at 7 a.m. at the City Hall.

in the world. Deeper meanings of the Club Collect were brought out in a reading by Mrs. W. R. Cypert.

Members present were the hostess, Mrs. Don Hart, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. W. R. Cypert, Mrs. John Cain, Mrs. L. A. Dudley.

Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. David Gamble, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J.W. Hammond, Mrs. C. B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Ray Wilson, and Mrs. S. C. Dixon.

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Pursuant to Article III; Section 18 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Section 4, 052.01, 043-(a), 2, (A) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Continental Telephone Company of Texas hereby notices its intent to change rates effective October 16, 1976.

Notice is also given of the Southwest Bell intent to change rates effective October 7, 1976 which will also affect our customers' intrastate billing.

These changes will increase gross intrastate revenues of the company by approximately 16% per year.

A complete copy of both companies new rate schedules are on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas. Continental's schedule is also available for public inspection in each of its business office locations in Texas as well as with each affected municipality.

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of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Alice Faye Epperson, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of August, 1976, against Milton Epperson, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 12,185-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of Johnita Michele Epperson and Milton Dwayne Epperson, Children," the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship. Johnita Michele Epperson was born on the 29th day of September, 1972, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas and Milton Dwayne Epperson was born on the 2nd day of November, 1973 in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of September, 1976.

(Seal) Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Sandra Harris, Deputy. 23-4tc

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RESUMEN DE LAS ENMIENDAS PROPUESTAS A LA CONSTITUCION
ELECCION GENERAL DEL 2 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1976

NUMERO UNO EN LA BOLETA (S.J.R. 49)
Revocando Secciones 49-d and 49-d-1 del Artículo III de la Constitución de Tejas, S.J.R. 49 enmienda Sección 49-c del Artículo III de la Constitución de Tejas para disponer y autorizar \$400 millones adicionales de bonos para el desarrollo de agua en Tejas que se puede emitir a la aprobación de dos terceras partes de los miembros de cada cámara de la Legislatura para tales fines de desarrollo del agua que la Legislatura pueda prescribir.

La enmienda contiene prohibición específica contra el uso de fondos del estado para el desarrollo de recursos acuáticos del Rio Mississippi y también requiere que antes de que pueda encargarse de cualquier proyecto particular para el desarrollo de agua que requiere un gasto de mas de \$35 millones de producto de los bonos, debe de ser aprobado por resolución de la Legislatura.

La enmienda remueva el requerimiento constitucional que ciertas rentas deben de ser usadas para retirar bonos para el desarrollo de agua y el encarecimiento de la calidad de agua y remueva el limite constitucional de la tasa de interés en tales bonos.

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Merkel slight favorite over Eastland

It is going to seem strange for Merkel High's football team to go into a contest the favorite.

The Badgers, playing their first year as a Class AA team, has knocked off three Class A teams in pre-district and have no opponent remaining before the start of District 6-AA.

That opponent is Eastland, a member of District 9-AA. It will be the first road trip for Coach Jerry McLeod and his team plus their first contact against a Class AA team.

Plus, the Badgers had to play a tough grudge battle with Roscoe last week to get to be 3-0 which could cause a letdown for the Badgers, providing they aren't especially careful.

All these reasons are enough to make one wonder how the Badgers could be at least a 7-point favorite when the two teams meet Friday at 8 p.m. in Eastland.

However, Eastland has been a hot and cold team this year but will be coming off a cold game and most likely will be hot to upset the undefeated Badgers.

Eastland is 1-2 with a 21-6 victory over Cross Plains the opening week of the season the lone win. Ranger beat Eastland 10-7, putting up a stiff final quarter defense and DeLeon bumped Eastland 20-7 last week.

Thus, the Mavericks are averaging 11.7 on offense and giving up an average 13 points a game on defense.

This compares to 15.3 on offense and 4.0 on defense for Merkel. Using these figures, Merkel is 12.6 points better than Eastland but you have to give Eastland at least 6 points for its homefield advantage.

While Merkel's foes have all come from Districts-A, Eastland's have all been from District 10-A. Cross Plains and DeLeon are 1-2 while Ranger is 2-1.

DeLeon was beaten by undefeated Class B Gorman and undefeated 9-AA member Comanche, perhaps giving

Braune, Biera, Smith week's best

Larry Smith came for his third week of honors on Merkel High football team. After being named the offensive player of the week the past two weeks, Smith was named the defensive standout for his performance against Roscoe.

Smith was in on 19 tackles, 10 unassisted, according to Coach Jerry McLeod. He caused two fumbles, had a pass interception and knocked down another pass.

Mark Shaw, the defensive standout the past two weeks was in on 10 tackles last week but was "battered and hassled all night by the Plowboys," said McLeod.

Meanwhile, Coach McLeod was named coach of the week in the Big Country by the Abilene Reporter-News for his three victories.

Smith was named the best offensive and the best defensive player in the Big Country, also by the Reporter-News.

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Comparative scores aside, Eastland is a "very unpredictable" team, according to Coach Jerry McLeod.

The Merkel coach said at times the Mavericks look like the "best we have played and at other times they look very poor."

He added, "They were down last week and we look for them to be back up this week."

He pointed out that Eastland's quarterback, Mike Lewis completed 18 of 24 passes against Ranger and was the Big Country back of the week.

McLeod points out the Mavericks will be bigger overall with more speed than any of the teams Merkel has faced thus far.

"I just hope we are high enough to win," McLeod said.

When asked how it will feel being the favorite, Coach McLeod laughed and said "It'll be different, won't it?"

After this first road game, the Badgers return to Badger Stadium next week to open District 6-AA action against the pre-season favorite Colorado City.

Eastland, 3-7 last year, has 14 starters back and six other lettermen--so you can see the Badgers aren't going against any weak team.

Halfback Mike Stuts (converted to split this year), rated as "the fastest kid on the field," by McLeod will be the man the Badgers will have to contain, if they are to win.

End Byron Haun, back Tommy Williamson, fullback John Hill and guard Dennis Lopez started both ways last year, while quarterback Mike Lewis, center Steve Morgan, and Earl Pruitt, tackle Arthur Gaeta, guard Eddy Duncan and Stuts started on offense.

Meanwhile, the Badgers came out of the Roscoe game with little more than normal bruises from such a hard contest.

Back Ricky Howes will still be out of the lineup with a broken hand, Coach McLeod said he hopes Howes will be ready to return to action by next week when district begins.

He injured the hand during practice prior to the Roscoe battle.

Early the fourth quarter Danny Riggan broke for a 64-yard touchdown and Royce Fowler added the extra points.

The seventh grade meets Eastland Thursday at 5 p.m. in Badger Stadium for its third game of the year.

The eighth graders will be in charge of the Taylor County program, has not received the vaccine yet. Therefore, no date can be set.

Mrs. Pat Cybert, in charge of the campaign in Merkel, said the shots will be given one Sunday in October at the Merkel High gym.

However, Abilene, who is in charge of the Taylor County program, has not received the vaccine yet. Therefore, no date can be set.

Mrs. Cybert said she hopes a question and answer session can be scheduled at the Senior Citizens Building prior to giving of the shots, in order to answer any questions concerning the vaccine.

There have been 210 cases filed in Judge Walter Thames Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace court for traffic violations since September 7.

The case book listed Friday, September 10, Monday, September 13 and last Sunday as the busiest time for the State Troopers.

September 10 there were 35 cases filed, September 13 there were 39 cases filed compared to 28 for September 12 (Sunday). Last Sunday, however, there were 46 charged with violations.

Here are the cases filed in Judge Thames court since Friday:

FRIDAY: Michael Hayes, 96 mph, \$82 fine plus \$2.50 court costs; Dale McCauley, 67 mph, \$22.50 plus \$2.50.

SATURDAY: None listed.

SUNDAY: Tyre Brown, 102 mph; Linda Wallis, 68 mph, \$19.50 plus \$2.50; Martha Yarbrough, 70 mph; Emmert Kyle, 73 mph, \$32.50 plus \$2.50; Paul Rankin, 65 mph, \$17.50 plus \$2.50; Darrell Fletcher, 69 mph, \$21 plus \$2.50; Lois Howard, 65 mph; Lucien Bone, 70 mph and expired license;

Ronnie Border, 73 mph; Herbert Noland, 72 mph; George Patterson, 76 mph; Carroll Hutchins, 69 mph; Regan McNeely, 77 mph; Stanley Shomas, 68 mph; Billy Bolton, 72 mph; Charles Lafield, 74 mph; Charles Darnell, 67 mph; Jeffrey Feyerbacher, 70 mph; Sharon Smith, 73 mph; Peter Imhoff II, 70 mph.

Frank Ashby Jr., 72 mph; Charles Rowe, 67 mph; Richard Porter, 70 mph; Jimmy Watkins, 73 mph; Robert Bradford, 75 mph; Fernando Lopez, 66 mph; Patricia Swindler, 77 mph; Jose Villalobos, 70 mph; Rita Feister, 65 mph; Teresa Finke, 65 mph; Jerry Aearn, 65 mph; Donald Roberts, 81 mph; Kenneth Seiden, 66 mph; Robert Merrick, 86 mph;

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Flash here again for another on the spot report of the happenings at Merkel High this past week. Everyone knows or should know about Friday nights game against Roscoe. The Badgers stomped the Roscoe Plowboys 13-6 in the best game yet of the pre-season. Coach Jerry McLeod had this to say about the Roscoe performance. "This game really showed the outstanding character of our young men. This was a very physical game and, especially in the third quarter when we got several bad breaks, anyone with less determination might have let down. This group has sacrificed more than any I have ever worked with. You can't help but respect and admire them for this."

Next week's game against Eastland ends pre-season play. It's gonna be rough so everybody get out there next Friday night at 8 at Eastland and give 'em your support. By the way, the public is invited to all pep rallies every Friday afternoon in the high school gym at 3.

A Merkel High School Drama Club was organized last Wednesday by Miss Harkey, Drama, English I and II teacher. Officers were elected and they are President Tommy Jones, Vice-President Suzy Rister, Secretary-Treasurer Vickie Reddin, Reporter Salinda

Justice. The club hopes to attend plays in Abilene and also to put on a few of its own. It's going to be a blast and anyone in high school is invited to join.

Seasoned peas
Hot rolls
Strawberry jello with fruit

WEDNESDAY
Braised beef tips with brown gravy
Baked squash
Green salad with choice of dressing
Batter bread
Apricot cobbler

THURSDAY
Beef, cheese pizza
Seasoned corn
Cole slaw
Chilled apple sauce

FRIDAY
Hamburgers
Lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles
Ranch style beans
Buns
Brownies
Orange juice

BADGER TRACKS

School Board

The Merkel Independent School District met Tuesday night in a regular meeting at the High School. The Board is scheduled to meet again Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to discuss new construction.

At the 7:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday the Board was to approve bills, amend the final budget for 1975-76 and accept the budget and get the statement of financial standing of the school district.

The Board also was to approve the authorization to receive commodities; approve a service contract with Region XIV Service Center for the year; correspondence for the Board; hear questions and answers by Ron Smith and study bids for cafeteria freerzer; sale or purchase of land; and employment and resignation of personnel.

Rays earn degree

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Don Ray received their Masters Degree from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa at the close of the second summer semester.

They are teachers in the Midland school system.

Kenneth Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray of Route 3, Merkel.

He is a graduate of Merkel High School and McMurry College.

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Merkel schools menu

THURSDAY
Fried fish with tartar sauce
Buttered corn
Seasoned spinach
Hot rolls
Lemon pudding

FRIDAY
Sloppyjoes
Pickle relish
Sliced onions
Pork and beans
Buns
Chocolate no-bake cookies
Orange juice

MONDAY
Spaghetti with ground beef, cheese
Green beans
Seasoned carrots
Hot rolls
Peanutbutter cake with peanutbutter icing

TUESDAY
Chickenfried steak with cream gravy
Whipped potatoes

Mulberry Canyon 4-H news

Mulberry Canyon 4-H club met September 7 for their monthly meeting.

Lesia Swinney, president, called the meeting to order. Leslie Masonheimer led the 4-H pledge and prayer.

Cindy Hutchings led the American pledge.

Sherri Williams, secretary, gave the roll call and read the minutes of the last meeting.

During our business meeting, we elected a new reporter and recreation leader. Lisa Hughes is our reporter and Sherrie Dunn, recreation leader.

The fair was discussed. We planned for our fair booth. Enrollment forms were filled out and the year books were discussed.

Our next meeting will be our annual hay ride.

At the close of our meeting, the 1976-1977 officers were installed.

Members present were: Lisa Hughes, Lesia Swinney, Cindy Hutchings, Tommy Swinney, Sherri Williams, Leslie Masonheimer, Dee Dee Masonheimer and Sheila Swinney.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H was represented at the West Texas Fair.

Lisa Hughes represented our club in the Fair Sweetheart Contest.

Sherri Williams, Sherrie Dunn, Leslie and Dee Dee Masonheimer entered the Youth Food Show. Dee Dee received 3rd-Pumpkin Bread, 4th-Pound Cake, 5th-Bran Muffin and 5th-Cookies.

Leslie won 5th-Chocolate Cake and 6th-Bran Muffins. Sherri Williams won 1st-Rolled Cookies and 1st-Bar cookies. Sherri Dunn won 1st-Candy with corn syrup.

Her divinity also won the "Best of the Show" in the youth division at West Texas Fair. Her divinity won 1st in its division, then on to higher winners with the over-all winner. She received

a \$5 gift certificate from Minters.

Sherrie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn of Trent. She is in the 7th grade at Trent Junior High. She is a member of the Trent Band and Junior High basketball team.

She is an active 4-H member. Her record book won 1st in Taylor County and went on to 2nd in District 7 record book competition.

Sher serves her club as recreation leader.

Sherrie is also an active member of the Trent Baptist Church.

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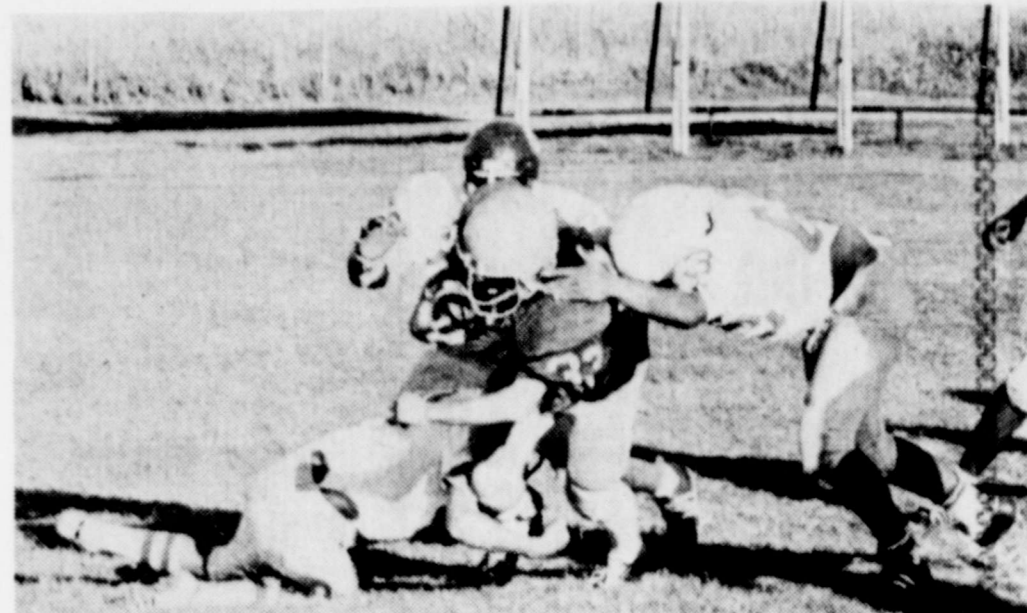
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SURROUNDED--Bobby Dickinson of Merkel High's Ninth Grade football team battles for tough yardage against Stamford in Merkel's first game of the season Thursday at Badger Stadium. Dickinson later was injured and left the game. Merkel lost, 12-0.

Seventh grade scores, loses

Coach Russell Gee's seventh grade football team overcame first half jitters Thursday night to score their first touchdown of the season.

However, the Badgers still lost to Roscoe, 20-8.

Roscoe, sporting a heavier seventh grade crew, ran the kickoff back on Merkel, recovered a fumble and scored and allowed Merkel three plays before moving in for a third touchdown to lead 20-0 at halftime.

Getting over the jitters, Merkel controlled the second half. However, one of six fumbles at the Roscoe 8 stopped a third quarter drive.

Early the fourth quarter Danny Riggan broke for a 64-yard touchdown and Royce Fowler added the extra points.

The seventh grade meets Eastland Thursday at 5 p.m. in Badger Stadium for its third game of the year.

Eighth grade stumbles

Merkel's Eighth grade had problems holding on to the football and lost its third game at Roscoe Thursday, 6-0.

The eighth graders have yet to score in three games and hosts Eastland Thursday at 6 p.m. in Badger Stadium.

Merkel did get to the Roscoe 4-yard line once before fumbling away the opportunity.

Sunday busy for State Troopers

Benigna Harris, 69 mph; Karen Curry, 71 mph; Rickey Coon, 72 mph; Arthur Shofner, 68 mph.

Jeanette Allen, 67 mph; Terry Lloyd, 65 mph; Martha Cox, 67 mph; Noe Landeros,

no valid inspection certificate and no license; Lynden Yarbrough, non-approved glass coating material; J. B. Gregory, no valid inspection certificate; Gerry Burrer, no valid certificate on trailer;

Melvin Long, no valid certificate; David Meins, defective stop lamps, failed to display registration; Monty Cameron, no registration on trailer; and Billy Sterling, public intoxication.

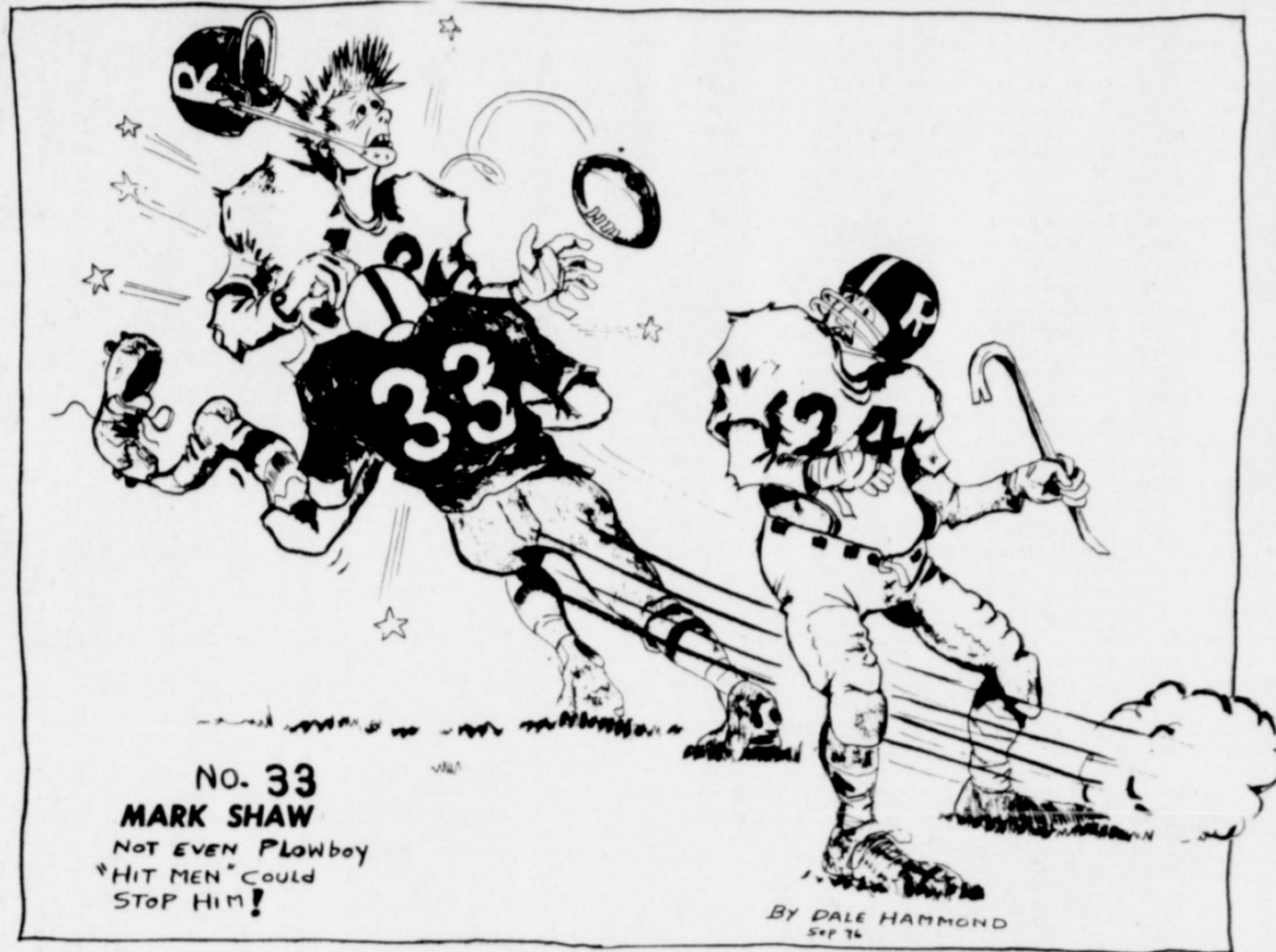


NINTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS--Heading the Merkel Ninth Grade cheerleading chores are kneeling from left Becky Watts and Kim Mashburn and standing are Suzie Hewitt and Lisa Shugart.

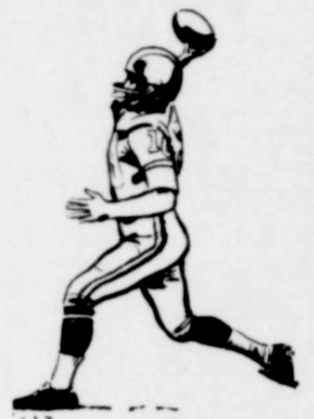
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A LOOK AT MERKEL AND DISTRICT 6-AA

THREE GAME TOTALS INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				HUMBLE RECOVERY				DISTRICT 6-AA SEASON STANDINGS			
RUSHING				No.				Team			
Smith	45	166	3.7	Hutchings	2	Merkel	3	0	0	46	12
Pfiester	38	97	2.6	Shaw	2	Coahoma	1	0	1	33	13
Hoves	16	78	4.9	Doan	1	Colorado C.	2	1	0	17	21
Austerman	21	74	3.5	Pfiester	1	Stamford	1	2	0	55	34
Pursley	7	20	2.9	Murrell	1	Wylie	1	2	0	42	88
TOTALS	127	435	3.4	Total	8	Winters	0	3	0	25	61
3 Oppo.	130	275	2.1	3 Opponents	11	Bollinger	0	3	0	6	102
PASSING				SCORING SUMMARY				SCORING LEADERS			
Pfiester	17	6	99	0	1	TD	EP	TP			
3 Oppo.	29	11	148	5	0	Smith, Merkel	5	2	32		
RECEIVING				TEAM TOTALS				Mays, Stamford	3	2	20
Smith	4	86	1	TD	EP	TP	Moore, Winters	3	0	18	
Hoves	1	9	0	Smith	5	2	32	Tucker, Wylie	2	2	14
Biera	1	4	0	Biera	1	2	8	Taber, Winters	2	0	12
TOTALS	6	99	1	Pfiester	1	0	6	Clark, Wylie	2	0	12
3 Oppo.	11	148	0	Total	7	4	46	Dickson, Coahoma	2	0	12
PUNTING				3 Oppo.	2	0	12	Medford, Winters	1	3	9
Smith	15	610	40.7	First Downs	30	27		Biera, Merkel	1	2	8
3 Oppo.	18	596	33.1	Rushing	435	272		Pfiester, Merkel	1	0	6
INTERCEPTIONS				Passing	99	148		Chapman, Winters	1	0	6
Biera	2			Penalties, yards	18-160	18-155		Rickey, Bollinger	1	0	6
Smith	1			Fumbles lost	10	8		Frazier, Coahoma	1	0	6
Hutchings	1			Score by quarters:				Gass, Coahoma	1	0	6
Pursley	1			1st	7	13	14	Kelso, Coahoma	1	0	6
Total	5			2nd	7	13	14	Kelley, Wylie	1	0	6
3 Opponents	0			3rd	0	6	0-12	Mickey, Colorado C.	1	0	6
				4th	0	6		Parham, Colorado C.	1	0	6
				Total	14	46		Rosenquist, Winters	1	0	6
				3 Opts.	0	6		Hornell, Winters	1	0	6
								* Belvin, Colorado C.	0	2	5
								Wolf, Wylie	0	4	4
								Wylie, 2 safeties	0	0	4
								Casey, Wylie	0	2	2
								Childress, Winters	0	2	2
								* Belvin has field goal			

Dallas Cowboys 1976 Schedule

LEAGUE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Kickoff (Dallas Time)
Sun., September 12	PHILADELPHIA	1 p.m. 27-7
Sun., September 19	at New Orleans	1 p.m. 24-6
Sun., September 26	BALTIMORE	3 p.m.
Sun., October 3	at Seattle	1 p.m. (3 p.m.)
Sun., October 10	at New York Giants	1 p.m. (noon)
Sun., October 17	at St. Louis	8 p.m.
Sun., October 24	CHICAGO	4 p.m. (3 p.m.)
Sun., October 31	at Washington	1 p.m.
Sun., November 7	NEW YORK GIANTS	8 p.m.
Mon., November 15	BUFFALO	1 p.m. (noon)
Sun., November 21	at Atlanta	2:30 p.m.
Thu., November 25	ST. LOUIS	1 p.m. (noon)
Sun., December 5	at Philadelphia	3 p.m.
Sun., December 12	WASHINGTON	



1976 Merkel Badgers

Football Schedule

Sept. 3	Baird	12-0	Here	8:00
11	Jim Ned	21-6	Here	8:00
17	Roscoe	13-6	Here	8:00
24	Eastland	There	8:00	Homecoming
Oct. 1	Colorado City	Here	7:30	
8	Bollinger	There	7:30	
15	Winters	Here	7:30	
22	Stamford	There	7:30	
29	Open date			
Nov. 5	Wylie	Here	7:30	
12	Coahoma	There	7:30	

COACHES— Jerry McLeod, Edgar Cowart, Tony Mauldin
CHEERLEADERS— Becky Watts, Kathryn Irvin, Marsha Clyburn, Cindy Boone, Gay Pfiester.
TRAVIS DAVIS, Superintendent LEE PRESSWOOD, Principal

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Merkel 13, Roscoe 6; Colorado City 10, Cisco 0; Coleman 12, Winters 0; Bangs 26, Wylie 16; Sweetwater 21, Stamford 20; Comanche 41, Bollinger 0; Coahoma, idle.

MERKEL FOES: DeLeon 20, Eastland 7.

Friday's Schedule

Merkel at Eastland, 8 p.m.
Colorado City at Post
Winters at Eldorado
Albany at Wylie
Haskell at Stamford
Bollinger at Coleman
Tahoka at Coahoma

OCT. 1

District opens
Colorado City at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.
Winters, open
Coahoma at Wylie
Bollinger at Stamford

JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

NINTH GRADE SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Baird JV	6-20	There	7:30
9	Jim Ned JV	0-6	There	7:30
	Colorado City 9th	no game	There	7:30
16	Roscoe JV	8-14	There	7:30
	Stamford 9th	0-12	Here	6:00
23	Eastland JV		Here	7:30
30	Wylie 9th		Here	7:30
7	Colorado City 9th		Here	7:30
14	Winters 9th		There	6:00
	Winters JV		There	7:30
21	Stamford		There	6:00
28	Winters 9th		Here	6:00
	Winters JV		Here	7:30
Nov. 4	Wylie 9th		Here	6:00
	Wylie JV		Here	7:30

JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

Seventh-Eighth Grade

Sept. 2	Baird 8th	0-6	There	6:00
9	Jim Ned 7th	0-8	There	5:00
	Jim Ned 8th	0-28	There	6:00
16	Roscoe 7th	8-20	There	5:00
	Roscoe 8th	0-6	There	6:00
23	Eastland 7th		Here	5:00
	Eastland 8th		Here	5:00
Oct. 7	Colorado City 7th		Here	5:00
	Colorado City 8th		Here	6:00
14	Winters 7th		Here	6:00
	Winters 8th		Here	7:30
28	Winters 7th		There	6:00
	Winters 8th		Here	7:30
Nov. 4	Wylie 7th		Here	6:00
	Wylie 8th		Here	7:30

COACHES— Greg Henderson, Russell Gee
PRINCIPAL— John Cain

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Bassett Manufacturing
Luskey's Western Store
Abilene
Wylie Truck Terminal
and Shamrock Cafe

They are still remodeling it has been messy, also racking and it has been that they were going to lose it but I can assure that is the last thing they'd think of after spending that money which is thousands of dollars. They had no intention of closing. They certainly wouldn't have changed all the things had intended to do that. It certainly be modern and when they finish and I'll be glad when they can be a sign Open House. The tents were well cared for and there has been change. They may have variety of food now than was before but if that's at the dietitians, those who will be carried out, nursing care is the same I assure you Brenda will

make them a good administrator. She is very capable and babies the patients and they all seem to love and respect her. So they wanted the public to know that Starr Nursing Home will still be open and if the patients will bear with them it won't be too much longer. It is operated and owned by 5 very religious parties and they have 19 or more nursing homes and still buying more. So when you see the sign Open House, you all come because it is you the public that has helped to make it what it is. They were saddened when Mrs. Bessie Rutledge passed away but their loss was Heavens gain. She was certainly a nice resident and during all her suffering she always said she loved every-

Starr Nursing Home news

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Possible savings

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Rains soak area

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at the high school--and I might say we were very proud of it. We said goodbye there and we continued our trip to Yellowstone to see Old Faithful, the lake, and on down to the Grand Teton National Park. There was still snow on the peaks and we enjoyed the scenery down to Jackson, Wyoming. We saw lots of wild game, mostly antelope, on our trip down to Rock Springs and Laramie. We had a nice drive from Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Raton, New Mexico, where we found they did not have a horse race on Friday, so we decided to return to Lubbock for another visit there. We came straight through to San Antonio to surprise my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins, of Seguin, who were "house-sitting" for us. Our place was so pretty and green when we got home it looked good to us.

Hope the Homecoming is a big success and I am looking forward to the next one.
Sincerely yours,
Betty Lu (Higgins) Murray

Cub Scouts meet Thursday

Cub Scouts are now under way. Dens 2 and 4 are nine year old boys. Den 3 is 8 year olds and Webelos are 10 years old.

They meet as follows: Webelos-Billie Walters, Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. Den 2-Melba Glasscock, Tuesday after school. Den 3-Darlene Williams, Wednesday after school. Den 4-Audra Horton after school Thursday.

We would like to urge all boys 8-10 to attend with their parents September 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut. The Scout Hut is now under repairs. Come on out and see what has been done and what is to be done.

Plans are under way to collect Post box tops to buy the school sports equipment as a Bicentennial project by the Cub Scout Pack 220 of Merkel.

We would like to thank Mr. Cain and the Middle School staff for helping us get material to the boys about scouting.

We would like to thank Mr. Davis for being so kind and helping us pay lightly for our mistake and for the use of the cafeteria for our kick-off.

The scouting office complimented the Merkel school system for its support of scouting.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Cattle numbers are still high, with 53.8 million cows, 11.2 million replacement heifers and 96.7 million feeder cattle on hand. The main goal of cattlemen should be to cut feeder cattle availability by putting more cows, calves and non-fed cattle on the market. Feed-grain prices and winter pasture conditions will also affect cattle prices this fall and into 1977.

Last chance

Livestock producers facing financial problems have until December 31 to take advantage of the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974, reminds an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Act, a temporary program by the Farmers Home Administration, provides for emergency financial help to the producer whose business has a good chance of success if it can survive the current liquidity crisis. Anyone who devotes at least 25 per cent of his time to, derives at least 25 per cent of his income from, or has at least 25 per cent of his capital invested in livestock operations is eligible for the emergency loans.

Feedback sought

Due to a continued decline in participation by Texas dairymen in a check-off program designed to provide funds for promotion and research, the Dairy Council of Texas is now soliciting comments about the program from dairymen across the state. In addition, the Texas Market Research and Development Center at Texas A & M University is studying the council's promotional programs. The check-off program began in 1973, with a deduction of 5 cents per hundred pounds of milk from each producer's monthly price. However, refunds can be obtained. Participation by dairymen has declined from 90 per cent in 1973 to 59 per cent during the first quarter of 1976.

Broild Broiler show

The Second National Junior Dressed Broiler Show will be held at Kansas City, Missouri, November 15-20.

meeting of its members Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Merkel High School auditorium.

Five directors will be elected at the business session. Up for re-election are L. O. Huddleston of Hawley, Frank Antilley of Wingate, Jack Farmer of Potossi and C. A. Fomby of Ovalo.

Lance Smith and R. L. McNeese of Lawn are seeking the place held by Doyle Hefley of Lawn, who is not running for re-election.

Others nominated are Maurice Cox against Huddleston, C. J. Robinson Jr. of Norton against Antilley, Lloyd Barr Jr. against Farmer and Earnest Teague of Ovalo against Fomby.

Wheeler earns 2nd award



William Wheeler

Meritorious service at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, has earned his second award of the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal for Master Sergeant William A. Wheeler, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wheeler of Merkel.

Sergeant Wheeler, an instrument training technician, was presented the medal at Laughlin, where he serves with a unit of the Air Training Command.

The sergeant, a 1956 graduate of Merkel High School, attended Sul Ross University and Southwest Texas Junior College at Uvalde.

Garden Club

Merkel Garden Club met September 16 at 9 a.m. at the Big Country Inn for a coffee and first business meeting for the new year. Mrs. W. L. Brown and Mrs. E. J. Patterson were hostesses. The meeting was presided by Mrs. Raymond Ferguson president. Year books were handed out. There were 19 members, 1 new member and 1 visitor. Theme

New department

Texas A & M University has a new Department of Horticultural Sciences as of September 1. Heading the department is Dr. Warren S. Barham, who has most recently been director of raw material research and onion seed production of Basic Vegetable Products in California and who served as associate professor of horticulture at North Carolina State University for nine years. According to Texas A & M officials, the demand for graduates in horticulture has expanded rapidly

for the new year is "Bring Outdoors Indoors." New project is "Help the Spread of Wild Flowers."

Members present Mes. Odus Griffin, Aaron Suddeth, Ora Griggs, Mary Click, Mack Fisher, Lottie Everett, Tom Russom, Charlie Sherrill, S. D. Gamble, John Shannon, Oda Clark, Johnny Cox, G. R. Peachy, Raymond Ferguson, Allan King, Dee Grimes, Albert Criswell, Morris Smith (new member), W. L. Brown, E. J. Patterson, Mrs. Tom Russom and grandson.

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Beaver, Trent	3	0	18
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Trent man goes to meet

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Griffith is an instructor in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics department on the Rolling Plains Campus, Texas State Technical Institute, in Sweetwater. The Arkansas conference will include exhibits, a seminar, tours and talks about energy management and other aspects of refrigeration servicing.



well Saturday

Lueders-Avoca, 28-12. Blackwell handed Hermleigh its first loss and put the district into a three-way tie with Hobbs and Ira all having 2-1 win-loss records. Hobbs' Mike Martin and McCauley's James Kemp lead the scoring race for the season with 36 points each. Ira's Fred Kesner has 34 and Highland's Ivan Krejci is fourth with 32 points. Hermleigh's Tim Peterson is tied with Mays and Highland's Tony Pantojo with 24 each.

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Dear Mr. Editor:
I am enclosing my check for \$5.50 to renew my subscription to the Merkel Mail for another year. This is my way of "keeping-up" with all my old friends and of learning the names and faces of some of the new people who selected Merkel for their home. I hope you will not let me miss even one issue of the paper.

I realize this weekend is Homecoming and I will be there in spirit, as my body has just returned from a trip of over 4,000 miles by car and I will not make all the run-filled hours at the football game and meetings for this year due to the beautiful trip Don and I made from San Antonio to Helena, Montana. We visited with my aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and their family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Toombs and Bryan in Lubbock, Texas on our first night. The next morning we went by to see Tommy at his place of business, Lubbock Cash and Karry Wholesale Grocery, where everyone can shop and save, as we did. We drove from there to Denver, Colorado, where we spent the night. We heard at breakfast that the road from Loveland to Estes Park was still closed due to the flood they had there the last of July, I believe. We had a beautiful drive from Denver to Cheyenne, Casper, Sheridan, Wyoming (where we spent the night). The mountains in the far distance had some snow. We went into Montana at Crow Agency to Billings, where we drove along the Yellowstone River, which was so clear and cold. At Helena we visited with Don's nephew, who is Planning Engineer with the Highway Department, his wife and four children. They took us to all the points of interest around Helena, which took several days, and as we started home they wanted to take us to Big Sky (built by Chet Huntley) where they enjoy skiing in the winter. We had lunch at the Lodge, came down the mountain about halfway and stopped at a Country Club and played tennis. I am glad they were beginners and I showed them that Merkel High School taught me to play tennis many years ago when we had only one court at the high school—and I might say we were very proud of it. We said goodbye there and we continued our trip to Yellowstone to see Old Faithful, the lake, and on down to the Grand Teton National Park. There was still snow on the peaks and we enjoyed the scenery down to Jackson, Wyoming. We saw lots of wild game, mostly antelope, on our trip down to Rock Springs and Laramie. We had a nice drive from Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Raton, New Mexico, where we found they did not have a horse race on Friday, so we decided to return to Lubbock for another visit there. We came straight through to San Antonio to surprise my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins, of Seguin, who were "house-sitting" for us. Our place was so pretty and green when we got home it looked good to us.

Hope the Homecoming is a big success and I am looking forward to the next one.
Sincerely yours,
Betty Lu (Higgins) Murray

Cub Scouts meet Thursday
Cub Scouts are now under way. Dens 2 and 4 are nine year old boys. Den 3 is 8 year olds and Webelos are 10 years old. They meet as follows: Webelos-Billie Walters, Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. Den 2-Melba Glascock, Tuesday after school, Den 3-Darlene Williams, Wednesday after school, Den 4-Audra Horton after school Thursday.

We would like to urge all boys 8-10 to attend with their parents September 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut. The Scout Hut is now under repairs. Come on out and see what has been done and what is to be done.
Plans are under way to collect Post box tops to buy the school sports equipment as a Bicentennial project by the Cub Scout Pack 220 of Merkel.

We would like to thank Mr. Cain and the Middle School staff for helping us get material to the boys about scouting.
We would like to thank Mr. Davis for being so kind and helping us pay lightly for our mistake and for the use of the cafeteria for our kick-off.

The scouting office complimented the Merkel school system for its support of scouting.



Trent band prepares to take field

Cattlemen's round-up Monday

To date three registered Brangus have been donated to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

An 18 month old Brangus heifer has been donated by W. C. Holt of Lawn, Texas. Other Brangus donated include a heifer from the renowned herd of Justin Poeschel of Haskell and a six year old registered Brangus bull donated by Hudson Smart of Abilene. The bull is the son of Cajan Paul's Pride, a much

Church confab

Ministers from throughout Texas will gather on the Texas A & M University campus September 30-October 1 to hear talks dealing with this nation's food policy. The main topic of discussion at this year's Town and Country Church Conference will be the "United States Food Policy in a Hungry World," points out a resource development specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Speakers will examine problems requiring a U. S. food policy, determine how the problem of food policy and world hunger can be resolved, and evaluate proposed changes and their implications.

Cattle recovery

Cattlemen won't see higher beef prices in 1977 unless a lot of cows, non-fed cattle and calves are slaughtered this year, says a livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Cattle numbers are still high, with 53.8 million cows, 11.2 million replacement heifers and 96.7 million feeder cattle on hand. The main goal of cattlemen should be to cut feeder cattle availability by putting more cows, calves and non-fed cattle on the market. Feed grain prices and winter pasture conditions will also affect cattle prices this fall and into 1977.

Last chance

Livestock producers facing financial problems have until December 31 to take advantage of the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974, reminds an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Act, a temporary program by the Farmers Home Administration, provides for emergency financial help to the producer whose business has a good chance of success if it can survive the current liquidity crisis. Anyone who devotes at least 25 per cent of his time to, derives at least 25 per cent of his income from, or has at least 25 per cent of his capital invested in livestock operations is eligible for the emergency loans.

Feedback sought

Due to a continued decline in participation by Texas dairymen in a check-off program designed to provide funds for promotion and research, the Dairy Council of Texas is now soliciting comments about the program from dairymen across the state. In addition, the Texas Market Research and Development Center at Texas A & M University is studying the council's promotional programs. The check-off program began in 1973, with a deduction of 5 cents per hundred pounds of milk from each producer's monthly price. However, refunds can be obtained. Participation by dairymen has declined from 90 per cent in 1973 to 59 per cent during the first quarter of 1976.

Broild Broiler show

The Second National Junior Dressed Broiler Show will be held at Kansas City, Missouri, November 15-20.

respected blood line. These animals will be sold at the Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children sale at the Ranchers and Farmers Livestock Auction, Abilene, at 1 p.m., Monday.

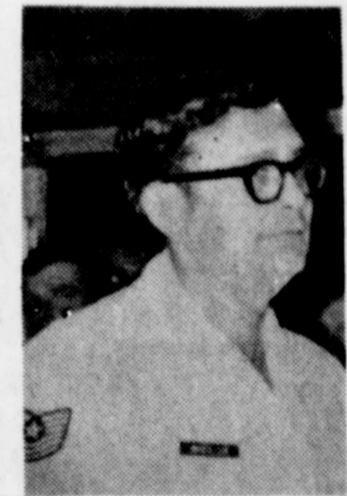
GORILLA GROWLS

Well last week Trent wasn't just dead, even though we were open, we had many things to do. The football boys have been practicing just knowing they will get a Blackwell Hornet, and we are all backing them up. The Band has been trying to get everything under control for the Homecoming show. This week even though it's six weeks, there is something planned for every day. Every day will be a Spirit Day, Monday, Thursday and Friday is Blue and Gold Day. Friday night is the powder puff football game. Come and watch the wild cheerleaders and the great teams. Sunday we started our bon fire and Friday at dark is when the ceremonies will start. This year will be different, we will have a pep rally with the Band and twirlers. Then Saturday there is a breakfast at 6:30, then at 10 there is the parade which will be followed by a pep rally. After lunch will be visiting hour then at 3 there will be a program. The game will start at 8 o'clock with the Blackwell Hornets. We hope you all will attend. There will be a full day of fun and memories.

Taylor Telephone

The Taylor Telephone Co-operative will hold its annual meeting of its members Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Merkel High School auditorium. Five directors will be elected at the business session. Up for re-election are L. O. Huddleston of Hawley, Frank Antilley of Wingate, Jack Farmer of Potosi and C. A. Fomby of Ovalo. Lance Smith and R. L. McNeese of Lawn are seeking the place held by Doyle Hefley of Lawn, who is not running for re-election. Others nominated are Maurice Cox against Huddleston, C. J. Robinson Jr. of Norton against Antilley, Lloyd Barr Jr. against Farmer and Earnest Teague of Ovalo against Fomby.

Wheeler earns 2nd award



William Wheeler

Meritorious service at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, has earned his second award of the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal for Master Sergeant William A. Wheeler, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wheeler of Merkel.

Sergeant Wheeler, an instrument training technician, was presented the medal at Laughlin, where he serves with a unit of the Air Training Command. The sergeant, a 1956 graduate of Merkel High School, attended Sul Ross University and Southwest Texas Junior College at Uvalde.

Garden Club

Merkel Garden Club met September 16 at 9 a.m. at the Big Country Inn for a coffee and first business meeting for the new year. Mrs. W. L. Brown and Mrs. E. J. Patterson were hostesses. The meeting was presided by Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, president. Year books were handed out. There were 19 members, 1 new member and 1 visitor. Theme

New department

Texas A & M University has a new Department of Horticultural Sciences as of September 1. Heading the department is Dr. Warren S. Barham, who has most recently been director of raw material research and onion seed production of Basic Vegetable Products in California and who served as associate professor of horticulture at North Carolina State University for nine years. According to Texas A & M officials, the demand for graduates in horticulture has expanded rapidly

Trent battles tough Blackwell Saturday

district six-man showdown, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Trent and Coach Bobby Campbell has had a week off to prepare for Blackwell and to recover from the bruising battle with Benjamin.

The Gorillas are 1-1 for the year after beating Talpa-Centennial and being overpowered in the final minutes by a larger Benjamin two weeks ago.

Now, they will face possibly their strongest opponent yet. Blackwell has won three contests, all handily over District 3-B opponents. Blackwell has averaged 56 points a game on offense while its defense has allowed an average 16 points.

Blackwell beat McCaulley, 66-18, Highland, 58-30 and Hermleigh 44-0.

Trent, meanwhile has averaged 32.5 on offense and has given up an average 32-points a game. The Gorillas will have to stop the passing of quarterback Lynn Fate and the running of Bruce Holland, Kent Priddy and Bryan Andrade if they are to have a successful homecoming.

Hopefully Junior James Mays will be back at full strength after being injured against Benjamin. Rocky Bryan will also be counted on heavily as will sophomore quarterback Robert Freeman.

Mays has averaged 10.3 yards a carry (277 yards on 27 carries) to lead Trent in the rushing department. He also leads in scoring with four touchdowns for 24 points. Alan Morse and Gilbert and Herbert Beaver also have been doing yeoman duty for the Gorillas.

Too, the Gorilla defense with Gary Gregory, Kenny Nance, Bobby Brazelton, Joey Brenem, Ethel Gage, Timmy and Lester Moses, Jimmy Tackett and Kerry Patterson will have to be at their best Saturday if they are to stop Blackwell's rounded attack.

Meanwhile, Highland and Hobbs were the only two District 3-B teams to win last week. Highland beat Grady, 58-27 and Hobbs stopped

Lueders-Avoca, 28-12.

Blackwell handed Hermleigh its first loss and put the district into a three-way tie with Hobbs and Ira all having 2-1 win-loss records.

Hobbs' Mike Martin and McCaulley's James Kemp

lead the scoring race for the season with 36 points each. Ira's Fred Kesner has 34 and Highland's Ivan Krejci is fourth with 32 points. Hermleigh's Tim Peterson is tied with Mays and Highland's Tony Pantojo with 24 each.

DISTRICT 3-B (SIX-MAN) SEASON STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pts.	Oph.
Hermleigh	2	1	84	88
Hobbs	2	1	98	61
Ira	2	1	63	72
Trent	1	1	65	64
Highland	1	2	110	120
McCaulley	0	3	58	164

LEADING SCORERS

Name	TD	EP	TP
Martin, Hobbs	6	0	36
J. Kemp, McC.	6	0	36
Kesner, Ira	5	4	34
Krejci, Highl.	3	14	32
Mays, Trent	4	0	24
Peterson, Herm.	4	0	24
Pantojo, Highl.	4	0	24
Corbell, Ira	3	3	23
Beaver, Trent	3	0	18
Williamson, Herm.	3	0	18
Docus, Herm.	3	0	18
Alvardo, Hobbs	3	0	18
Bryan, Trent	2	0	12
Warren, Hermleigh	2	0	12

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Trent, idle; Blackwell 44, Hermleigh 0; Highland 58, Grady 27; Benjamin 50, McCaulley 14; Hobbs 28, Lueders-Avoca 12; Loop 28, Ira 12.

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Hermleigh at Water Valley
Highland at Divide
McCaulley at Point Rock
Hobbs at Wellman
Christoval at Ira

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Blackwell at Trent, 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)
OCT. 1
Benjamin at Highland
OCT. 2
Trent at Divide
Blackwell at Hobbs
Hermleigh, idle
McCaulley, idle
Ira, idle

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NOTICE

Pate Boone, 89, will be at Trent Day September 25th. The Boones lived at Trent in 1899. The Boone boys started a Wild West Show in 1906. Pate Boone has written a book, "The Boone Boys," and will have them for sale Trent Day.

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